

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 90

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A RESOLUTION to recognize East Tennessee Public Broadcasting Service for thirty successful years of producing the High School Scholars' Bowl program.

WHEREAS, it is pleasing to this General Assembly to recognize those public service entities that provide vital communication to the citizenry for the purpose of informing and entertaining the good people of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, East Tennessee Public Broadcasting Service (ETPBS) is one such outstanding entity that broadcasts public television programming throughout a thirty-county viewing area that encompasses northeastern Tennessee, western North Carolina, southwest Virginia, and southeastern Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, among the most popular and longstanding productions of ETPBS is the High School Scholars' Bowl, a program of academic competition for high school students from the region; and

WHEREAS, with much coaching and preparation, teams of students who are among the most talented and gifted in their respective schools compete against like teams, vying for advancement in the competition and the ultimate prestige of securing the seasonal championship; and

WHEREAS, with this fall's recording of weekly competitions and their subsequent broadcast, ETPBS will mark its thirtieth year of presenting the High School Scholars' Bowl to its viewing audience, an accomplishment that is, indeed, notable and praiseworthy; and

WHEREAS, the core precepts of public television are free access learning and entertainment opportunities, especially focusing on the provision of programming for children and youth throughout the span of their educational careers; and

WHEREAS, the excitement of High School Scholars' Bowl competition is exhilarating and provides a memorable experience for all youth who are fortunate to participate; and

WHEREAS, producing the High School Scholars' Bowl has given the staff and management of ETPBS an unparalleled opportunity to build wonderful relations with educational professionals and school systems that have been valuable and gratifying; and

WHEREAS, it is with pleasure that this legislative body applauds the exceptional longevity of ETPBS' High School Scholars' Bowl, commending this outstanding television station for its service to the young people of east Tennessee and beyond; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we congratulate East Tennessee Public Broadcasting Service on thirty years of successful production of the High School Scholars' Bowl, and we thank them for their genuine care and concern for youth programming.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the months of October 2013 through March 2014 will be recognized as High School Scholars' Bowl Months.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.